

***Board Honors “88’s Best” Students,
 Receives Report of Financial Conditions***

The Board of Education recognizes students who excel at Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools through **88’s Best**. They were pleased to honor December recipients Edgar Ramirez and Jisoo “Ashley” Yoo for their improved performance:



Edgar Ramirez, a senior at **Addison Trail**, is recognized for his commitment to academic and personal improvement. After struggling in his classes during his freshman and sophomore years at Addison Trail, Edgar decided it was time to focus on his education. He enrolled in the C.I.M.A. (Changes Inspiring Meaningful Achievements) group and challenged himself to be a positive contributor to Addison Trail and the community. Edgar developed personal goals to make his family proud.

In addition to academic improvement, he has participated in the International Club, Interact, Art Club, LASO Environmental Club and Breakers. Edgar also makes community service a priority.

After graduating from Addison Trail, Edgar plans to attend College of DuPage and identify possible majors and careers for the future.

Jisoo “Ashley” Yoo began her high school career at **Willowbrook** in the ESL II program after arriving from Korea with a limited background in English. Ashley has proven to be an extremely hard worker and is currently enrolled in three AP classes and two honors sections. She is an inductee of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) and Civitas (Social Studies Honor Society).

Beyond the classroom, Ashley demonstrates the same determination to succeed while playing flute, as a member of the Warrior Marching Band color guard and representing Willowbrook at FCCLA district and state contests.

Ashley plans to study dentistry at a university in Korea. She hopes to one day volunteer in Africa so that African children struggling with dental problems will be able to have proper care.



DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING NO ACTION:

- **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of schools, presented a brief presentation outlining the **financial outlook for the 2010-2011 school year and beyond**. He explained the conditions impacting revenue sources as well as the ongoing expenses for which this imbalance is contributing to deficit spending. Dr. Humphrey’s message to the staff and community is to remain patient as options are reviewed and final decisions are carefully made. Additional information will be reviewed in January/February 2010 and the input of the Board of Education will be critical to the budget process.
- **Ms. Sherri Anderson**, Director of Community Relations, highlighted the success of **AT’s Career Week sponsored by the Guidance Department from Dec. 7-11**. Activities included student field trips to local businesses, mock interviews with business partners and representatives from different fields hosting informational tables.
- Changes to the **Freedom of Information Act** will be effective January 1, 2010. The current Board of Education policy will be amended when the new regulations are received from the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Review of **Board Policy 8:20 – Community Use of School Facilities**.
- **Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton and Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause** have been selected to participate in the Leadership for Excellence and Equity for All Conference, sponsored by the DuPage County Regional Office of Education, on February 1, 2010. This workshop will spotlight Addison Trail and Willowbrook for their school improvement efforts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- **Adoption of the 2009 Tax Levy.**
- The **list of bills, treasurer’s report, and budget status report** from Nov. 2009.
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more.
- Ratification of **Building The Future (BTF) Planning/Construction Committee actions.**
- **BTF Contractor Payment Request #17.**
- **BTF Bid Release #6c** – AT artificial turf practice field, AT and WB fencing, AT south balcony flooring, AT press box replacement, WB home bleacher replacement, AT forum room seating, AT and WB selective interior plumbing and AT speaker and paging system.
- **A cost neutral modification for PPO medical plans** to be effective January 1, 2010, which includes adding an Adult Wellness Benefit and changes to the Emergency Room benefit.
- **Purchases** of SMARTnet firmware for District Technology, Music related equipment for AT and Grounds Equipment for AT and WB.
- **New Course Proposals for the 2010-2011 School Year** including Human Geography and AP Human Geography.
- **Meeting minutes** from the November 16, 2009 Regular Business Board Meeting; November 23, 2009 Special Board Meeting; November 23, 2009 Closed Session Special Board Meeting, November 23, 2009 Educational Focus Board Meeting and November 23, 2009 Closed Session Special Board Meeting.

IN PERSONNEL ACTIONS: the following items were approved by the Board:

Certified Staff Unpaid Personal Leave effective Sept. 7, 2010 – Nov. 8, 2010 for **Lourdes Pina**, WB Guidance Counselor.

Classified Staff Change of Status for **Rita Christopher** from AT Secretary to Assistant Principal of Operations to District Office Executive Secretary to the Chief Financial Officer.

Classified Staff Retirement effective June 10, 2010 for **Roberta Treasurer**, AT/WB Science Department Teacher Aide.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2009 TAX LEVY

The **tentative tax levy for 2009** was reviewed and approved at the November 16, 2009 Regular Business Board meeting. At that time, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2009 in the amount of **\$47,354,446**. No changes or updates were made since the tentative tax levy was approved in November. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, the public hearing was opened for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2009 proposed tax levy.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The Italian Club’s Pasta Night Fundraiser raised approximately \$1,000 for the Mike DeStefano Fund.
- Fifty-two students have earned distinction as Illinois State Scholars, ranking in the top 10% of the states graduating seniors.
- Upcoming events include: Jazz Concert, 4th Annual Young Alum event, Principal’s Cup of Cheer and winter break.

Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause also highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The Art Department hosted their 20th annual Alumni Homecoming designed to connect current students and alumni.
- Students and staff have written over 300 holiday/thank you cards to support the U.S. troops abroad.
- Upcoming events include: the culmination of holiday music concerts, staff holiday luncheon, 4th Annual Young Alum event and winter break.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM: Following closed session, the Board approved:

- Resolution releasing minutes from closed session meetings.

Mark Your Calendars:

January 11, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
January 25, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom